

# HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL WEST BRIDGEWATER



**50TH REUNION**  
**1923      1973**



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CLASS OF 1923  
HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1973  
FIRST CONG.-UNITARIAN CHURCH  
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WEST BRIDGEWATER



Dear Classmates and Friends:--

Sincere thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire in regard to personal lives over the past 50 years and how each in his/her own way interpreted our HHS Class of '23 Motto of "STRIVE TO WIN!"

Noted for its teamwork and unity, without giving up an iota of individuality while at Howard High, we, the committee coordinating this re-union would assume from the letters received that these factors have become a way of life. Our Congratulations!

Julius Hayward

Ruth Hayden Hayward

Allan B. Foye

Marion Porter Holbrook

Marjorie Hayden MacDonald

Elinore Spencer Stewart

Elva F. Cheney

H.H.S. 50th Reunion Committee





HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1923

CLASS MOTTO:	"Strive to Win"
CLASS COLORS:	Blue and Gold
CLASS FLOWER:	Rose

CLASS ODE

To the Tune of "A Perfect Day"  
Words by Mildred P. Alden

As we come to the end of our High School Days,  
And we think of the days that are past,  
While we now start out on life's different ways  
To the goal which we'll reach at last.  
What tomorrow will bring that is bright or sad  
Thru hardship that will be ours,  
We'll only remember the joys we've had  
On that road of thorns and flowers.

The sun is now low on our High School life  
And we stand in the mist and the dark,  
Straight ahead lies the road with problems rife  
Which success or defeat will mark;  
But merrily will e'er breathe a tender sigh  
When we far away may rove,  
To the days we have spent at this Howard High  
And the dear friends that we love!

CLASS OFFICERS

Julius Hayward, President  
Marian Porter, Vice-President  
Clara Thayer, Treasurer  
Lena Toomey, Secretary

Was there something prophetic when the "History" was given on June 21, 1923 by (the late) Elizabeth A. Yuill who noted "To my dismay, I found that all the historical material referring to the class had been destroyed." Approximately a quarter-century later old Howard High School burned to the ground.

However, there will be once more a "Howard School" as the Town of West Bridgewater has purchased the 17-plus acres and this year bids will go out for renovation and addition to the classroom building. M.E. MacD.





**FLORENCE BAKER ALDEN**

31 Pleasant St., West Bridgewater, Mass. 02379

**MARRIED:** September 30, 1926 to Bela H. Alden, East Bridgewater, Mass.

**CHILDREN:** Betty Alden Miller, West Bridgewater, Mass.

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Three Granddaughters

**EDUCATION:** Brockton High School Evening Classes in Office Machines,  
Bookkeeping, Typing, Income Tax Preparation.  
Massachusetts College Evening Classes in Advanced Income Tax  
Preparation  
West Bridgewater High School Evening Classes in Oil  
Painting

**POSITIONS:** 1923 - 1924 L.Q. White Co. Office  
1924 - 1927 Hathaway Bakeries Office  
1930 - 1945 Fraser Dry Goods Co. Ready-to-Wear Buyer  
1966 - 1968 Henry Perkins Co. Office Part-Time  
1968 - 1972 Booth Radio Shop Bookkeeper Part-Time  
Retired 1972

**HOBBIES:** Oil Painting, Sewing, Now studying Chess at Bridgewater  
Library Chess Course.

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**MILDRED PRISCILLA ALDEN**

Beech Hill Road, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264

**EDUCATION:** Sargent School for Physical Education, Boston University  
B.S. Degree  
Columbia University, M.A. Degree

**POSITIONS:** American Red Cross in the E.T.O. for 4 1/2 years.  
Plymouth State College, Teacher until retirement in 1970.

**HOBBIES:** Raising and Showing Collie Dogs, Travelling, Photography.

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**EDWARD F. ALLEN**

Humarock, Mass., Box 253 02047

**MARRIED:** November 9, 1928 to Helen L. Clark

**POSITIONS:** Machinist for about 40 years.

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**ALBERT BERGQUIST**

Bridgewater, Maine

**POSITIONS:** Retired

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**EVELYN ALGER BERG**

2639 Laau Street, #4, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**MARRIED:** December 1942 to A. Morin Divorced July 1951  
September 18, 1953 to Walter J. Berg

**CHILDREN:** Patricia Berg Keenan, Pleasant Grove, California  
Dorothy Berg Develley, Sunnyvale, California

**GRANDCHILDREN:** One Grandson and one Granddaughter

**EDUCATION:** Bridgewater Normal School, 3yr. Diploma Course  
Rhode Island College of Education, B.S.E. Degree  
Sargent School of Physical Education, Boston University,  
M.S.E. Degree  
Sacramento State College, 30 Units and additional courses  
at various other colleges.

**POSITIONS:** Teaching:- 34 yrs. in various places from Massachusetts  
to California.  
6 yrs. as a Substitute Teacher in Hawaii.  
1942 - 1945 Worked for Curtis Wright Aircraft, East  
Hartford, Connecticut.

**HOBBIES:** Philately, Collecting Coins, Antiques, Photography, Acting as  
a Tour Guide.

Travels: Extensively over the United States and Europe.  
Now living in Hawaii.

Clubs: Grange, gone through all seven degrees and have  
held most of the offices.  
Fraternal Order of Eagles, held all the Offices.  
Rebekaahs; Presently Noble Grand in Honolulu.  
American Business Women's Ass., "Woman of the Year"  
in 1962.  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Parent Teacher Ass, and  
several others.





ELVA F. CHENEY  
40 Plain Street, West Bridgewater, Mass. 02379

EDUCATION: Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. B.A. degree  
Columbia University Teachers College, M.A. degree  
Special courses at other colleges according to needs and interests.

POSITIONS: High School Mathematics teacher for 41 years. Started in  
Edgartown, then Fairhaven, and 30 years in Wethersfield, Conn.

HOBBIES: Completely different since retirement in 1968. Now it is in  
churchwork (assist. treas.), college class sec., home activities,  
sewing and crocheting, and a certified brailist, transcribing  
for the National Braille Press of Boston.

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CATHERINE SWIFT CORMIER  
Millstone Road, East Brewster, Mass. 02640

MARRIED: October 21, 1926 to Eugene J. Cormier; Divorced in 1956

CHILDREN: Eugene F., married; Donald E. at home

GRANDCHILDREN: three granddaughters and two grandsons.

POSITIONS: Telephone operator, home nursing care, writes poetry which gets  
published.

Hobbies: Nature, collecting miniatures and salt dips, yard sales, dune buggy  
races.

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PAULINE CONRAD DESCARY  
Campton, N.H. 03223

MARRIED: June 30, 1928 to Charles F. Descary

CHILDREN: William Charles

POSITIONS: Walk-Over Shoe Co., office for five years.  
Garment stitcher, still employed

HOBBIES: Knitting, sewing, embroidery





**CORELLI ALGER DAVID**  
3809 N. 14 St., Arlington, Va. 22201

**MARRIED:** June 27, 1931 to Amos R. David

**CHILDREN:** Donald Lowe David, Evelyn Corelli David Keisman,  
Virginia David Lucey, Carol Grace David

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Six

**EDUCATION:** Simmons College, B.S. degree, 1927; Graduate Courses in Food Service Administration and Education at numerous college seminars and workshops, mostly at the University of Maryland.

**Positions:** Home Economics Teacher at Orange, New Jersey 1928 - 1930;  
Food Service Manager at Schraffts Restaurants in New York City 1930 - 1932;  
School Food Service Administrator for Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland 1951 - 1971. Retired in 1971.

**HOBBIES:** Clubs ---Church, local political, Land use for Ecology, Theater Guild; gardening; books, TV, newspapers, group meetings for lecture and discussion.

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**ALLEN B. FOYE**  
20 Forest Street, West Bridgewater, Mass. 02379

**MARRIED:** May 13, 1933 to Gertrude Howard of West Bridgewater

**CHILDREN:** Donald, Anne, Jane, John, Ellen and Lucia.

**GRANDCHILDREN:** sixteen

**EDUCATION:** Northeastern University with B.Ch.E. degree  
Special Courses at M.I.T.

**POSITIONS:** Proctor and Gamble 1928 - 1929; Dewey and Almy, division of W.R. Grace co. 1929 - 1967. Retired.

**HOBBIES:** Hunting, fishing and travelling.



**IOLA DISALLE FERRINI**  
47 Pondview Circle, Brookton, Mass. 02401

**MARRIED:** September 29, 1929 to Ralph P. Ferrini

**CHILDREN:** Robert, who graduated from Brown University  
Richard, who graduated from Boston University

**GRANDCHILDREN:** A granddaughter and a grandson

**POSITION:** Receptionist in an Optometrist's office until her marriage

**HOBBIES:** Active member and officer of Brookton Woman's Club;  
Volunteer Receptionist at Goddard Hospital

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**JULIUS A. HAYWARD**  
170 Bridge Street, East Bridgewater, Mass 02333

**MARRIED:** 1931 to Marion Hunting who died in 1948  
October 21, 1948 to Ruth Hayden

**CHILDREN:** Julius H. Hayward, Patricia Hayward Woodard, Mark Hayward

**GRANDCHILDREN:** three granddaughters, one grandson and one great-grand-daughter.

**POSITIONS:** forty years of farming; Maintenance-security man at Woodard and Wright's Lest Corp.

**HOBBIES:** Fishing and travelling

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**RUTH HAYDEN HAYWARD**  
170 Bridge Street, East Bridgewater, Mass 02333

**MARRIED:** October 21, 1948 to Julius Hayward.

**CHILDREN:** Mark Hayward, step-son Julius, step-daughter Patricia (see above)

**GRANDCHILDREN:** three granddaughters one grandson and one great-grand-daughter.

**Position:** twenty-three years with United Shoe Machinery Corp.

**HOBBIES:** Reading and handwork





MARIAN PORTER HOLBROOK

211 Elm St., North Easton, Mass. 02356

MARRIED: May 10, 1929 to Roy W. Holbrook

CHILDREN: Donald R. Holbrook, North Easton, Mass.  
Jean M. Holbrook Strid, St. Petersburg, Florida

GRANDCHILDREN: Three Grandsons and one Granddaughter

EDUCATION: Simmons College, B.S. Degree in Dietetics  
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Dietetic Internship giving  
a Certificate in Dietetics.  
Registered Dietitian and qualified member of American  
Dietetic Association.  
Courses in Nutrition and Canteen given by the Red Cross  
during World War II which qualified me as a teacher of  
Nutrition and Canteen in a disaster.

POSITIONS: 1928 - 1929 N.E. Deaconess Hospital, Therapeutic Dietitian  
1942 - 1958 Substitute Teacher in Stoughton and Easton.  
1942 - 1946 Red Cross Teacher of Nutrition and Canteen  
in Stoughton.  
1947 - 1958 Mass. Extension Service, Group Leader in  
Bristol County.  
1958 - 1963 Brockton Hospital, Therapeutic and Teaching  
Dietitian.  
1963 - 1970 Brockton Hospital, Chief Dietitian and Head of  
the Dietary Department. Retired 1970  
1971 ----- Consultant Dietitian for two Nursing Homes in  
Brockton and North Easton.

HOBBIES: Sewing, Knitting, Crewel Embroidery, Antiques.

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IRVING LEWIS

11046 100 th Street, North, Seminole, Florida 33540

MARRIED: October 10, 1943 to Margery Alden

POSITIONS: T./Sergeant U.S. Army  
Wood-Hu Kitchens, Supervisor Eastern Massachusetts Office.

HOBBIES: Golf, Fishing, Boating





**MARJORIE HAYDEN MACDONALD**

61 River Street, West Bridgewater, Mass. 02379

**MARRIED:** December 22, 1925 to John H. MacDonald (Deceased)

**CHILDREN:** Dorothy Jean (Mrs. Charles Cook Shoppe, of Franklin, Maine  
U.S.A.F. Major John H. MacDonald, Jr. New Berlin, Wisc.

**GRANDCHILDREN:** two granddaughters, two grandsons.

**EDUCATION:** Creative writing course; Engineering and Safety courses (Army-Navy) World War II; Municipal Finance at U. of Mass.

**POSITIONS:** Secretarial at L. Q. White; Assembly, Leader, Forelady and Shift Supervisor at American Fireworks. 1941 - 45; Free-lance writer; Reporter, advertising and sport's writer for Brookton Enterprise-Times from 1954. W. B. Board of Selectmen, 1956 - 1974; member, chairman and present clerk. Active member of Town River Watershed Com. and Regional Public Health Com. Past President of Plymouth County Selectmen's Assn. and member of Mass. Selectmen's Assn. Ex. Board. Member of Federal Evaluative Com. (Federal) for W.B. Student Conservation Group.

**HOBBIES:** Town of West Bridgewater; Conservation projects, gardening; reading; and, after retirement in 1974, the hope to write an informal history of the town.

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**AUDRY LAPWORTH MCCARTHY**

61 Ellsworth Street, Brookton, Mass. 02401

**MARRIED:** September, 1927 to Richard C. Andrews (Deceased)  
March, 1952 to Frank McCarthy

**CHILDREN:** Shirley, Gordon and David

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Eight

**POSITIONS:** Receptionist and switchboard operator at Goddard Hospital from 1935 to 1955; then joined husband who owned the Frank McCarthy Smoke Shop on Main St. in Brookton. Audry retired in 1969 and Frank sold the business and retired in 1973.

**HOBBIES:** Music - piano, cello and singing.



**PHYLLIS OLIVER SALLS**

91 Woodbridge Road, York, Maine 03909

**MARRIED:** December 25, 1927 to Wallace W. Salls

**CHILDREN:** Barbara Salls Poole, Freeland; Florida  
Elaine Salls Clarkin; Maryland  
Wallace O. Salls, Texas

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Eight

**EDUCATION:** New England Conservatory of Music

**POSITIONS:** Owned and operated a guest house for 20 yrs.  
Head Resident at University of New Hampshire for 3 yrs.  
Now retired, but do a little hostessing at a local  
Historic House.

**HOBBIES:** Visiting local Nursing Home where I read to three blind  
patients.

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**HELEN SAWYER SAVAGE**

Sunny Grove Park #151, 2463 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater, Florida  
33515

**MARRIED:** May 20, 1926 to Raymond Savage

**CHILDREN:** Richard A. Savage, West Bridgewater, Mass.

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Three Granddaughters

**HOBBIES:** Bowling

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**HARRY J. SAWYER**

**MARRIED:** June 21, 1931 to Edna B. Marshall, Brockton, Mass.

**CHILDREN:** Harry J. Sawyer, Jr.  
David W. Sawyer  
Ruth Sawyer Perkins

**GRANDCHILDREN:** Seven Granddaughters and Five Grandsons

**POSITIONS:** 1926 - 1968 Franklin Perkins Co.  
Started in 1926 as truck driver, shipper & receiver.  
Later worked as salesman, dispatcher & credit Manager.  
School Bus Driver  
Retired 1968

**HOBBIES:** Bowling, Gardening and Repairing Lawn Mowers





HJALMAR S. SELLSTONE

94 Magoun Ave., Brockton , Mass. 02401

MARRIED: 1928 to Eunice J. Cass

CHILDREN: Joyce Sellstone Hall  
John Sellstone  
Alan Sellstone

GRANDCHILDREN: Three Grandsons and Three Granddaughters

EDUCATION: Wentworth Institute, 2yrs.

POSITIONS: Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway and M.B.T.A., 40 yrs.  
Superintendent of Campello Shop when I retired.

HOBBIES: Working With Boys in the Berwick Boys Foundation, West  
Bridgewater.

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MARION KINNEY SNELL LAYNE

3509 Birchwood Drive, Holiday, Florida 33589

MARRIED: 1921 to Horace R. Snell, died 1962  
1965 to George C. Layne

CHILDREN: Royal K. Snell  
Shirley Snell Keith  
Ronald P. Snell  
Sherrol Snell Nelson

GRANDCHILDREN: Thirteen

EDUCATION: Licensed Practical Nurse Course  
Dental Assistant Course

POSITIONS: Dental Assistant in West Bridgewater  
Licensed Practical Nurse

HOBBIES: Sewing, Knitting and Hand Crafts

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ELINORE SPENCER STEWART

108 Pond Street, West Dennis, Mass. Box 756 02670

MARRIED: 1947 to George Stewart

EDUCATION: Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.E. Degree

POSITIONS: Retired Teacher  
Taught Classes in Early American Decoration for trays,  
on tin and wood.

HOBBIES: Painting, Antiques, Building authentic copies of Antique  
Cape Cod houses, Restoring Old Houses.





GENEVIEVE NESS STEFFEN

14 Norman Ave., West Bridgewater, Mass., 02379

MARRIED: January 19, 1924, to Irving L.E. Steffen

CHILDREN: Irving L.E. Steffen, Jr.

GRANDCHILDREN: Two Grandsons

EDUCATION: 1922 Graduated from Brockton Business College

POSITIONS: Capen & Lane Co., Bookkeeper/Stenographer  
(Wholesale Chemicals)

Irving L.E. Steffen, Bookkeeper/Stenographer (Builder)

HOBBIES: Bell Collection, Knitting, Crocheting, Embroidery, Gardening

Have gone through chairs and served as Presiding Officer;-

J.A.Hill Temple and Howard Temple, Pythian Sisters

Trinity Shrine #12, Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem

Bridgewater Chapter #173, Order of Eastern Star,

Past Grand Representative of Kansas

Past Deputy Grand Matron of Mass.

Present Secretary of Bridgewater Chapter

Past Pres.& Present Vice-Pres., Mass.Ass.Grand Representatives  
of O.E.S.

Appointed on West Bridgewater Council on Aging

Served as Secretary and Vice-Chairman

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RUTH YOUNG WILBUR

701 North Main Street, Randolph, Mass. 02368

MARRIED: June 2, 1934 to George N. Wilbur (deceased)

CHILDREN: Four

GRANDCHILDREN: Five Granddaughters

POSITIONS: Insurance Office Clerk before marriage.

HOBBIES: Planting and Caring for My Flowers

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THELMA FARNHAM WILLIAMS

220 Maple Street, Danvers, Mass. 01923

MARRIED: June 9, 1928 to George L. Williams

CHILDREN: Russell F. Williams

GRANDCHILDREN: Two Grandsons and one Granddaughter

EDUCATION: Framingham Normal School

POSITIONS: Gift Shop and Floral Designer

HOBBIES: Travelling, Gardening, Shopping, and "Ikebana"



NO RESPONSE TO MAILINGS

FLORENCE LEWIS BAKER (Mrs. Herbert) 78 Woodard Ave., Breckton, Mass. 02401  
ALICE DENLEY GODWIN ((Mrs. Abbott) 47 Churchill Ave., Breckton, Mass. 02401  
MARGARET CARLSON LAGERQUIST ( Mrs. Arabam) 23 Custer St., Breckton, 02401  
JESSIE HEFLER PETERSON (Mrs. Frank) Stula Pavilion, Westcott Road,  
Danielson, Conn. 06239  
MARGARET REAGAN RICHARDSON (Mrs. Mark) 35 Winona St., Breckton, Mass. 02401  
RUTH THOMPSON WARD (Mrs. George) Chase Road, Orleans, Mass. 02653

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

SUMNER FRANKLIN AUSTIN  
B. FRANCIS ROSCOE  
ARENE (Roxie) SADOIAN TAHMESIAN  
MYRTLE TURNER TAYLOR (Mrs. Howard)



IN MEMORIAM





**ELMER L. ANDERSON**

Died December 21, 1963

**EDUCATION:** Wentworth Institute- two-year diploma; North Eastern University  
and Huntington School in Boston.

**POSITIONS:** Tolman Print, Inc. for two years; General Manager of Anderson  
Bro. Firm, Assessor, Town of West Bridgewater, 1954 - 1963

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**DURHAM WHITE FORBES**

August 27, 1904 - January 26, 1936

**MARRIED:** September, 1924 to Ruth Spooner of North Easton

**CHILDREN:** Three sons and two daughters

**EDUCATION:** Wentworth Institute

**POSITIONS:** Keystone Print and Stedfast Rubber Co.

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**ELNA HENSON GIBERSON**

Date not known

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**MABEL EDITH HEFLER**

August 28, 1905 - July, 1922

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**ALICE KENT**

Died December 29, 1924

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**HOWARD W. NICKERSON**

June 14, 1906 - June 22, 1957

**MARRIED:** April, 1934 to Marie Brown of Edgartown

**CHILDREN:** one son and one daughter

**EDUCATION:** B.S.E from Bridgewater State Teachers College,  
M.E. from Boston University

**POSITION:** Teacher at Mitchell's Private School, teacher and principal  
of Jr.-Sr. High School in Edgartown, Mass.

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**LENA TOOMEY PALOPOLI**

Died June, 1966

**MARRIED:** June, 1936 to Blase Palopoli

**CHILDREN:** one son noted on 25th Reunion Report

**POSITIONS:** operator at New England Telephone.

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JOHN PEURA

date not known, about 1942

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DOROTHY HOLBROOK POPE

May 1, 1906 - April 22, 1968

MARRIED: August, 1936 to Frederick W. Pope of Quincy

EDUCATION: Diploma from Sutton's School of Beauty Culture

POSITION: Beauty Shop at Hotel Somerset in Boston; own shop in Campello from 1926 - 1947 when she retired.

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SAMUEL READ

May 7, 1905 - July 13, 1969

MARRIED: June, 1926 to Hattie MacCurrah

CHILDREN: three sons and one daughter

GRANDCHILDREN: eight grandchildren

POSITION: Read Bros. Garage, 720 E. Main St., West Bridgewater

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WALLACE W. SALLS

June 30, 1904 - July 1, 1967

MARRIED : Phyllis Oliver, 1927

CHILDREN: two daughters and one son.

GRANDCHILDREN: eight

EDUCATION: Hesser's Business College, Manchester, N.H.

POSITIONS: Candy Supply business, member of firm of Sewell Lobster Co., retired in 1936 as credit manager of Tri-County Hospital. Member of U.S. Coast Guard Temporary Reserve, 1941-1943

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ELIZABETH YUILL STOKES

Died January 6, 1949

MARRIED: August, 1930 to Milton Stokes of Brockton

EDUCATION: Bridgewater Normal

POSITIONS: Teacher in Milton and Brockton; secretary at Moore Hospital

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ARTHUR RICHARD THOMPSON

August 20, 1905 - March 5, 1943

MARRIED: November, 1936 to Mildred Jackson of New York

EDUCATION: Amherst, B.S. degree; 3-year course in lubrication for Standard Oil; Commercial Pilot's license.

POSITIONS: Standard Oil of New Jersey as general salesman; Instructor to British Air Cadets in Florida when killed in plane accident with student pilot at controls





CLARA THAYER WILLIS

September 17, 1906 - May 2, 1969

MARRIED: September, 1932 to Lawrence H. Willis of East Bridgewater

CHILDREN: One son and one daughter.

GRANDCHILDREN: Eleven

EDUCATION: Simmons College, B.S. degree; Diploma of Hospital Dietetics from  
Mass. General Hospital

POSITIONS: Dietitian at Connecticut College for Women.







